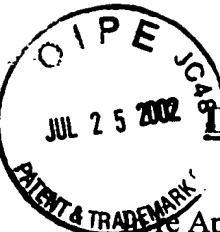


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LABELS AND ADHESIVES

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 20, 2002, please amend the
identified application as follows:

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In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 10, with the following rewritten
paragraph:

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--FIG. 4 is a block diagram illustrating a third system for bonding a printed metallic label
to a semi-permeable container, in accordance with the present invention;--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 13, with the following rewritten
paragraph:

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--FIG. 5 is a cross-sectional view of the safe container having the printed metallic label
bonded thereon, in accordance with the second or third system;--

After the last paragraph on page 3, please add the following paragraphs:

--FIG. 6 is a diagram illustrating an IV bag according to an embodiment of the invention;
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and

FIG. 7 is a diagram illustrating a plastic-wrapped food package according to an
embodiment of the invention.--